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SUBJECT: QUEBEC STUDIES SOVEREIGNTY - ASSOCIATION

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1. QUEBEC MINISTER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, CLAUDE MORIN, RECENTLY REVEALED THAT A STUDY ANALYZING FOUR POSSIBLE TYPES OF ASSOCIATION BETWEEN AN INDEPENDENT QUEBEC AND THE REST OF CANADA HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY BERNARD BONIN AND DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS OF QUEBEC CABINET. THE FOUR HYPOTHETICAL FORMS OF ASSOCIATION UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE:
A) FREE TRADE UNION; B) CUSTOMS UNION; C) COMMON MARKET; AND D) A MONETARY UNION.

2. OTHER STUDIES ALSO UNDERTAKEN DURING PAST YEAR AT INVESTIGATION OF MORIN'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE FALL IN THREE CATEGORIES:
A) BALANCE SHEET WEIGHING ADVANTAGE AGAINST DISADVANTAGES OF QUEBEC AS PARTICIPATION IN CANADIAN FEDERATION; B) ANALYSIS OF VARIOUS SECTORS OF FEDERAL ACTIVITIES IN QUEBEC INCLUDING HOUSING, COMMUNICATIONS, AGRICULTURE, TOURISM AND ENERGY;
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C) PROJECTIONS FOR FUTURE.

3. MORIN ALSO CLARIFIED FOLLOWING POINTS FOR FUTURE:
A) QUEBEC INTENDS NEGOTIATE "NATIONAL QUESTION" WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; B) NONETHELESS, ONTARIO REMAINS A PARTNER OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE (DETERMINANT) FOR QUEBEC TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PRIVILEGED RELATIONS WHICH HAVE ALWAYS EXISTED

BETWEEN THE TWO PROVINCES; C) NO NEGOTIATIONS ON SOVEREIGNTY
WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE A REFERENDUM IS HELD. "WE WILL NEVER
NEGOTIATE SOMETHING THE POPULATION DOES NOT WANT," MORIN
CONCLUDED. MCNAMARA

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